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SUBJ: TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY'S TRIP TO
MOSCOW AND WESTERN EUROPE MARCH 25 - APRIL 2

REF: ROWELL-GAMMON TELECON, MARCH 9

1. HERewith TEXTS OF TALKING POINTS FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT, TOAST, REMARKS TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, AND DEPARTURE STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH DRAFTS OF POSSIBLE THANK YOU LETTERS FROM THE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD.
2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

HAPPY TO BE MAKING FIRST WORKING VISIT TO FRANCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE. ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO RETURN TO PARIS EVEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD. HOPE THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY MORE VISITS.

VISIT IS TAKING PLACE PURSUANT TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESIRE THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKE INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES ON ALL ISSUES
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RELATED TO OUR MUTUAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY.

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TO INFORM HIM OF TALKS IN MOSCOW, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN MAY ARE WELL IN HAND.

ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS ROUND OF VISITS TO THE MIDDLE EAST, AND I WILL ESPECIALLY WANT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIM ON HOW WE CAN MOVE TOWARD A PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION.

3. TOAST:

PRESIDENT CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, AND I PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON CONTINUING THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WHILE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPING A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE HAVE NEVER APPEARED MORE AVAILABLE, THE PERILS IN TODAY'S INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT ARE FORMIDABLE IN THEIR COMPLEXITY AND PERSISTENCE.

AS PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFFICE, THE NUMBER OF TRUE DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD IS UNFORTUNATELY DIMINISHING. AS THE TWO DEMOCRACIES THAT EMBODY THE PRINCIPLES OF MONTAIGNE, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A SOLEMN OBLIGATION TO PERSEVERE IN THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY IN THE WORLD.

AS THE RESULT OF OUR INTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS, MR. MINISTER, I AM PERSUADED THAT WE SHARE THIS VITAL CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMITMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTINUE OUR FRUITFUL DIALOGUE.

4. REMARKS TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES:

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, I AM NOT A STRANGER TO THIS BUILDING. I CONSIDER THIS OCCASION MORE AS A HOMECOMING RATHER THAN AS AN INTRODUCTION.

DURING MY EARLIER EXPOSURE TO THIS EMBASSY AND OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD, I CAME TO RESPECT AND ADMIRE THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF OUR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL, BOTH AMERICAN AND LOCAL.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SHARES MY HIGH OPINION OF THE PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS AND IN ALL SPECIALTIES WHO ASSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF A VERY COMPLEX AND FAR-REACHING FOREIGN POLICY ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

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PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DIRECTED ME TO ASSURE THE FULL
UTILIZATION OF THE VAST EXPERTISE AVAILABLE IN THE
FOREIGN SERVICE SO THAT POLICY CAN BE FORMULATED IN
WASHINGTON WITH MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. I WILL CARRY OUT
THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE WITH ENTHUSIASM.

I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE. PROBLEMS ARISE BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES FROM TIME TO TIME. IT WOULD BE
UNNATURAL IF THEY DIDN'T, CONSIDERING ALL THE MANY WAYS
IN WHICH WE INTERRELATE. I WANT TO ASSURE ALL OF YOU,
HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHOSE
COOPERATION WE VALUE MORE HIGHLY. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE
IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, IN THE QUEST FOR ECONOMIC
SECURITY FOR ALL PEOPLES, AND IN THE CONTROL OF OUR
ENVIRONMENT, ARE SO DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE THAT WE NEED
THE WISDOM AND DEDICATION TO LIBERTY WHICH THE FRENCH
PEOPLE HAVE NEVER FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE VISITS TO THIS WONDERFUL CITY, AND TO BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH MORE OF YOU EACH TIME.

5. DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY AND EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS.

IN ADDITION TO DEBRIEFING ON MOSCOW VISIT, TALKS IN PARIS COVERED A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST INCLUDING MIDDLE EAST, PREPARATIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN MAY, THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONCORDE.

ON THE SUBJECT OF CONCORDE, I REASSURED PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER STANDS SQUARELY BEHIND THE DECISION OF FORMER TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY WILLIAM COLEMAN TO PERMIT OPERATIONS AT DULLES AND KENNEDY AIRPORTS FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIXTEEN MONTHS.

MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER REVEALED A COMPLETE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE TO STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE SECURITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES, TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR AN ELIMINATION OF TENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, AND TO INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO VALUE THE COOPERATION OF FRANCE AS AN EQUAL PARTNER IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO ENHANCE WORLD PEACE.

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6. LETTER TO PRESIDENT GISCARD:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING TAKEN TIME FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO PERMIT US TO HAVE SUCH A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OVER BREAKFAST AT THE ELYSEE. AS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S AND MY VISITS EARLY IN THIS ADMINISTRATION INDICATE, PRESIDENT CARTER PLACES A VERY HIGH VALUE ON CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WITH RENEWED THANKS FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY,
PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

7. LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD:

DEAR MR. MINISTER,

IT WAS VERY GOOD OF YOU TO DEVOTE SO MUCH TIME TO
ME ON THE HEELS OF WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN A FATIGUING
FOREIGN VISIT. I GREATLY APPRECIATE THE DELICIOUS
LUNCHEON WITH WHICH YOU HONORED ME AND SHALL LONG
REFLECT UPON OUR COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS. MANY THANKS
FOR YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY*
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